

**Saugus**  
Union School District



March 6, 2013

***Via Facsimile & Overnight Delivery***

Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors  
Sachi A. Hamai, Executive Officer  
Attn: Agenda  
500 W. Temple Street, Room 383  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Re: Joint Submission of Board Resolutions for Consolidation to Even Year Elections

Dear Ms. Hamai:

We, the Superintendents of Castaic Union School District; Newhall School District; Saugus Union School District; Sulphur Springs School District; William S. Hart Union High School District; and the Chancellor of the Santa Clarita Community College District ("Districts"), hereby jointly submit to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors ("Board of Supervisors"), on behalf of our respective Districts, requests for approval to consolidate to even years for elections of the governing board members. This correspondence will further clarify the unique reasons that the six districts have made the instant request.

**California Voting Rights Act Analysis**

Each of the six districts currently uses an at-large election system for the purposes of electing its governing board members. The Districts were made aware of the growing trend of claims alleging violations of the California Voting Rights Act ("CVRA") being filed against school districts and other public entities. As a result, we jointly commissioned a demographics study for the purposes of evaluating their compliance under the CVRA. The CVRA prohibits the use of an "at-large" election system if it "impairs the ability of a protected class to elect candidates of its choice or its ability to influence the outcome of an election..." (Elections Code §14027.) The demographics study analyses were conducted by demographer, Redistricting Partners, Inc., and included a full analysis of the voting in prior national, state and local elections. The demographics studies indicated that there was a possible need to increase the voting power of certain voting blocs within each of the six districts.

### **Possible Solutions**

Under the CVRA, a plaintiff can recover reasonable attorneys fees and expert witness fees. (Elections Code §14030.) In response to the demographics studies, the Districts examined available options to ensure compliance with CVRA and further to preclude potential CVRA claims. These options included (1) conversion to a by-trustee area election system and (2) conversion to an even year election system.

#### **1. Conversion to By-Trustee Area Election System**

The Districts were aware that, under the CVRA, conversion to a by-trustee area election system is the only statutory “safe harbor” to defeat CVRA-based claims. Unfortunately, this was not a viable option for these Districts based on the demographics studies. The studies revealed that the demographics of the Santa Clarita area are such that redistricting does not necessarily actually increase minority voting power. The voting population was substantially dispersed ethnically such that new districts could not be constructed to have a positive impact on voting. In fact, there was evidence that creation of separate trustee voting areas may actually decrease minority voting power. Essentially, conversion to a by-trustee area election system would have gone against the fundamental purpose of the CVRA – to increase the voting power of affected minorities within a community. Accordingly, the Districts declined this option.

#### **2. Conversion to Even Year Election System**

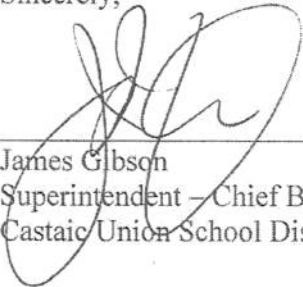
Though conversion to a by-trustee area election system was not implicated, the Districts were intent on taking prompt action to address the results of the demographics studies. The Districts searched for alternative solutions to increase minority voting power within their respective districts, and within the Santa Clarita area as a whole, and to decrease their exposure to future CVRA claims. In furtherance of this goal, they decided to examine the potential impact of converting from odd-year elections, as defined by statute, to even year elections.

Based on the demographics studies, there was ample evidence that moving to even year elections would substantially increase voting power in each of the districts. The reason for this increase is because even year elections coincide with other national and state elections resulting in a much higher voting turnout in the voting community. The Districts also noted a fiscal savings though this was not a primary consideration in making a decision on this option. Ultimately, the Districts decided to move forward with this option and have recently passed the enclosed board resolutions to that effect.

For the reasons stated above, and pursuant to the enclosed resolutions adopted by the Governing Boards, we respectfully request that the Board of Supervisors approve the consolidations to even year elections.

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Sincerely,



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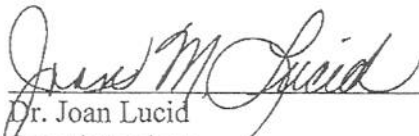
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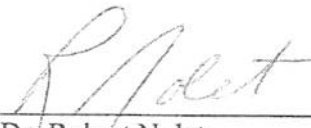
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# **CASTAIC UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT**

## **RESOLUTION #12/13-22**

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL DISTRICT TRUSTEES APPROVING THE RESCHEDULING OF GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER ELECTIONS FROM ODD TO EVEN YEAR ELECTIONS COMMENCING WITH THE 2013 GOVERNING BOARD ELECTION**

**WHEREAS**, the current date for election of Governing Board members ("Board") of the Castaic Union School District ("District") is every two (2) years on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of odd years (e.g., November 2011) (Education Code section 5000 and Elections Code section 1302(a)); and

**WHEREAS**, statewide general elections are held in California only in June and November of even years (e.g., November 2010) (Elections Code section 1001); and

**WHEREAS**, generally voter participation is greater for statewide general elections than for special local elections including school board member elections; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board seeks to enhance voter participation and specifically to increase the percentage of voters participating in the school Board election; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board believes that rescheduling to "even-year elections" may enhance voter participation and further increase the percentage of voters participating in the school Board election; and

**WHEREAS**, it is considered the view of the Board that starting with the 2013 Board elections, the public interest will be better served by election of its Board members pursuant to "even-year elections" in conjunction with the statewide general elections; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of these facts, the Board desires to change the date of future Board member elections to be consolidated with the California statewide general election in order to increase and enhance voter participation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board recognizes that there is a cost savings to the District resulting from aligning the District's elections with the statewide general elections, this is not the reason for the Board's decision; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board recognizes that the terms of its members would be extended as a result of aligning the District's elections with the statewide general elections, this is not the primary benefit of the Board's decision, this incidental benefit furthers the District's policy of fiscal responsibility; and

**WHEREAS**, Elections Code section 1302(b) establishes a procedure whereby the Board may change the election date for its Board members by adopting a resolution seeking approval of the change by the Board of Supervisors of the affected county(ies) (Elections Code section 10404.5); and

**WHEREAS**, if the change in election date is approved, it is being requested that the new election date be moved from November 2013 to November 2014 with board members whose terms would have expired in 2013 being extended to 2014 and Board members whose terms would have expired in 2015 being extended to 2016, as required by Elections Code section 10404.5(g) [refer to Exhibit A].

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the above recitals are true and correct; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Castaic Union School District Governing Board adopts this resolution to consolidate the election date for members of the Board with the state for the California general election in November in even years (Elections Code 1001) pursuant to Elections Code section 1302(b).

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Superintendent will forward this resolution to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors explaining the rationale for the resolution and requesting formal approval of the change by the Board of Supervisors at a public meeting within 60 days after submission and after the resolution has been posted in accordance with law.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Superintendent will forward this resolution to the Los Angeles County Office of Education Superintendent.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Superintendent will notify Los Angeles County Elections Office that the District is prepared to pay the expenses of mailing notice of approval of the change in election date by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors as required by Elections Code 10404.5(e).

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that if the consolidation of election is approved by the Board of Supervisors at least 240 days prior (Elections Code section 10404.5(a)) to the next scheduled school Board election in November 2013, the date of that election will be moved to November 2014 and each subsequent Board member election will be held two years thereafter in November of even years.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that if the consolidation of election is approved, the term of office of current Board members expiring in November 2013 will be extended to November 2014 and the term of Board members expiring in November 2015 will be extended to November 2016.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the District's superintendent or his designee is authorized to take such actions and execute such agreements and documentation necessary to effect the intent of this Resolution.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Trustees of the Castaic Union School District, Los Angeles County, California, on this 21<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2013 at a duly noticed meeting, by the following vote:

AYES: 4  
NOS: 1  
ABSTAIN: 0  
ABSENT: 0

Susan Christoph  
President

David A. (Buffalo)  
(VOTED NO) Member

Laura Pearson  
Clerk

Steven J. Tean  
Member

[Signature]  
Secretary to the Board

Victor M. Ferrer  
Member

I, Laura Pearson, Clerk of the Castaic Union School District, hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of Resolution #12/13-22 adopted by the said Board of Trustees on the 21<sup>ST</sup> day of February, 2013.

Dated: February 21, 2013

Certified a True Copy:

Laura Pearson  
Clerk, Board of Trustees  
Castaic Union School District  
Los Angeles County, California

## Exhibit A

### Resolution #12/13-22

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Current Election Year</u>	<u>New Election Year</u>
Susan Christopher	2013	2014
Laura Pearson	2013	2014
David Huffaker	2015	2016
Steve Teeman	2015	2016
Victor Torres	2013	2014

**NEWHALL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**RESOLUTION NO. #12/13-31**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVING THE RESCHEDULING  
OF GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER ELECTIONS FROM ODD TO EVEN YEAR  
ELECTIONS COMMENCING WITH THE 2013 GOVERNING BOARD ELECTION**

**WHEREAS**, the current date for election of Governing Board members ("Board") of the Newhall School District ("District") is every two (2) years on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of odd years (e.g., November 2011) (Education Code section 5000 and Elections Code section 1302(a)); and

**WHEREAS**, statewide general elections are held in California only in June and November of even years (e.g., November 2010) (Elections Code section 1001); and

**WHEREAS**, generally voter participation is greater for statewide general elections than for special local elections including school board member elections; and

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**WHEREAS**, as a result of these facts, the Board desires to change the date of future Board member elections to be consolidated with the California statewide general election in order to increase and enhance voter participation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board recognizes that the cost savings to the District resulting from aligning the District's elections with statewide general elections is not the primary benefit of the Board's decision, but that this incidental benefit aligns with the District's efforts to be fiscally responsible; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board recognizes that the terms of its members would be extended as a result of aligning the District's elections with the statewide general elections, this is not the reason for the Board's decision; and

**WHEREAS**, Elections Code section 1302(b) establishes a procedure whereby the Board may change the election date for its Board members by adopting a resolution seeking approval of the change by the Board of Supervisors of the affected county(ies) (Elections Code section 10404.5); and

**WHEREAS**, if the change in election date is approved, it is being requested that the new election date be moved from November 2013 to November 2014 with board members whose terms would have expired in 2013 being extended to 2014 and Board members whose terms would have expired in 2015 being extended to 2016, as required by Elections Code section 10404.5(g) [refer to Exhibit A].

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the above recitals are true and correct; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Newhall School District Governing Board adopts this resolution to consolidate the election date for members of the Board with the state for the California general election in November in even years (Elections Code 1001) pursuant to Elections Code section 1302(b).

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Superintendent will forward this resolution to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors explaining the rationale for the resolution and requesting formal approval of the change by the Board of Supervisors at a public meeting within 60 days after submission and after the resolution has been posted in accordance with law.

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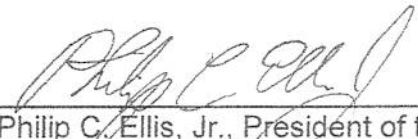
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the District's superintendent or his designee is authorized to take such actions and execute such agreements and documentation necessary to effect the intent of this Resolution.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Governing Board of the Newhall School District, Los Angeles County, California, on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2013 at a duly noticed meeting, by the following vote:

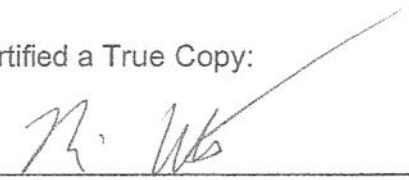
AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSTAIN:  
ABSENT:

I, Philip, C. Ellis, Jr., President of the Governing Board of the Newhall School District, hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Resolution adopted by the said Governing Board on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2013.

Dated: February 19, 2013

  
Philip C. Ellis, Jr., President of the  
Governing Board  
Newhall School District  
Los Angeles County, California

Certified a True Copy:

  
Brian Walters, Clerk of the  
Governing Board of the  
Newhall School District  
Los Angeles County, California

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Exhibit A

Board Member	Current Election Year	New Election Year
Philip C. Ellis, Jr.	2013	2014
Michael Shapiro	2015	2016
Christy Smith	2013	2014
Suzan Solomon	2015	2016
Brian Walters	2013	2014



**RESOLUTION 2012-13 # 29**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE SAUGUS UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT APPROVING THE RESCHEDULING OF GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER ELECTIONS FROM ODD TO EVEN YEAR ELECTIONS COMMENCING WITH THE 2013 GOVERNING BOARD ELECTION**

**WHEREAS**, the current date for election of Governing Board members ("Board") of the Saugus Union School District ("District") is every two (2) years on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of odd years (e.g., November 2011) (Education Code section 5000 and Elections Code section 1302(a)); and

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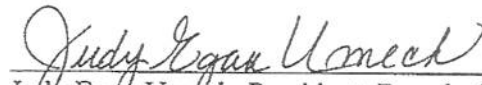
NOS: 1

ABSTAIN: 0


ABSENT: 0

I, Joan M. Lucid, Superintendent of the Saugus Union School District, hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Resolution adopted by the said Board of Trustees on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2013.

Dated: February 19, 2013

  
Judy Egan Umeck, President, Board of Trustees  
Saugus Union School District  
Los Angeles County, California

Certified a True Copy:

  
Paul De La Cerda, Clerk, Board of Trustees  
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**SULPHUR SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**RESOLUTION #13-04**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVING THE  
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**WHEREAS**, the current date for election of Governing Board members ("Board") of the Sulphur Springs School District ("District") is every two (2) years on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of odd years (e.g., November 2011) (Education Code Section 5000 and Elections Code Section 1302(a)); and

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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that if the consolidation of election is approved, the term of office of current Board members expiring in November 2013 will be extended to November 2014 and the term of Board members expiring in November 2015 will be extended to November 2016.

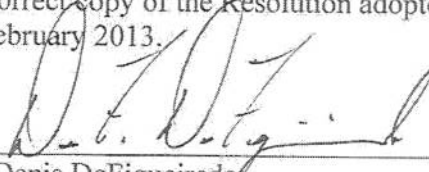
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the District's superintendent or his designee is authorized to take such actions and execute such agreements and documentation necessary to effect the intent of this Resolution.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Governing Board of the Sulphur Springs School District, Los Angeles County, California, on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of February 2013 at a duly noticed meeting, by the following vote:

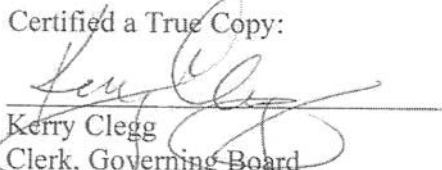
AYES: 5  
NOS: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0  
ABSENT: 0

I, Robert N. Nolet, Superintendent of the Sulphur Springs School District, hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of the Resolution adopted by the said Governing Board on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of February 2013.

Dated: February 13, 2013

  
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Denis DeFigueiredo  
President, Governing Board  
Sulphur Springs School District  
Los Angeles County, California

Certified a True Copy:

  
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Kerry Clegg  
Clerk, Governing Board  
Sulphur Springs School District  
Los Angeles County, California

**Exhibit A**  
**Resolution #13-04**

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Current Election Year</u>	<u>New Election Year</u>
Shelley Weinstein	2015	2016
Denis DeFigueiredo	2015	2016
Michael Hogan	2013	2014
Kerry Clegg	2013	2014
Lori MacDonald	2013	2014

**WILLIAM S. HART UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**RESOLUTION NO. 12/13-41**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD APPROVING THE RESCHEDULING OF  
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER ELECTIONS FROM ODD TO EVEN YEAR ELECTIONS  
COMMENCING WITH THE 2013 GOVERNING BOARD ELECTION**

**WHEREAS**, the current date for election of Governing Board members ("Board") of the William S. Hart Union High School District ("District") is every two (2) years on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of odd years (e.g., November 2011) (Education Code Section 5000 and Elections Code Section 1302(a)); and

**WHEREAS**, statewide general elections are held in California only in June and November of even years (e.g., November 2010) (Elections Code Section 1001); and

**WHEREAS**, generally, voter participation is greater for statewide general elections than for special local elections including school board member elections; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board seeks to enhance voter participation and specifically to increase the percentage of voters participating in the school Board election; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board believes that rescheduling to "even-year elections" may enhance voter participation and further increase the percentage of voters participating in the school Board election; and

**WHEREAS**, it is considered the view of the Board that starting with the 2013 Board elections, the public interest will be better served by election of its Board members pursuant to "even-year elections" in conjunction with the statewide general elections; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of these facts, the Board desires to change the date of future Board member elections to be consolidated with the California statewide general election in order to increase and enhance voter participation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board recognizes that there is a cost savings to the District, resulting from aligning the District's elections with the statewide general elections, is not the primary benefit of the Board's decision, this incidental benefit furthers the District's policy of fiscal responsibility; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board recognizes that the terms of its members would be extended as a result of aligning the District's elections with the statewide general elections, this is not the reason for the Board's decision; and

**WHEREAS**, Elections Code Section 1302(b) establishes a procedure whereby the Board may change the election date for its Board members by adopting a resolution seeking approval of the change by the Board of Supervisors of the affected county(ies) (Elections Code Section 10404.5); and

**WHEREAS**, if the change in election date is approved, it is being requested that the new election date be moved from November 2013 to November 2014 with Board members whose terms



would have expired in 2013 being extended to 2014 and Board members whose terms would have expired in 2015 being extended to 2016, as required by Elections Code Section 10404.5(g) [refer to Exhibit A].

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the above recitals are true and correct; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the William S. Hart Union High School District Governing Board adopts this resolution to consolidate the election date for members of the Board with the state for the California general election in November in even years (Elections Code Section 1001) pursuant to Elections Code Section 1302(b).

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Superintendent will forward this resolution to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors explaining the rationale for the resolution and requesting formal approval of the change by the Board of Supervisors at a public meeting within 60 days after submission and after the resolution has been posted in accordance with law.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Superintendent will forward this resolution to the Los Angeles County Office of Education Superintendent.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Superintendent will notify Los Angeles County Elections Office that the District is prepared to pay the expenses of mailing notice of approval of the change in election date by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors as required by Elections Code 10404.5(e).

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that if the consolidation of election is approved by the Board of Supervisors at least 240 days prior (Elections Code Section 10404.5(a)) to the next scheduled school Board election in November 2013, the date of that election will be moved to November 2014 and each subsequent Board member election will be held two years thereafter in November of even years.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that if the consolidation of election is approved, the term of office of current Board members expiring in November 2013 will be extended to November 2014 and the term of Board members expiring in November 2015 will be extended to November 2016.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the District's superintendent or his designee is authorized to take such actions and execute such agreements and documentation necessary to effect the intent of this resolution.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Governing Board of the William S. Hart Union High School District, Los Angeles County, California, on this 6<sup>th</sup> day of February 2013 at a duly noticed meeting, by the following vote:

AYES: 5

NOS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

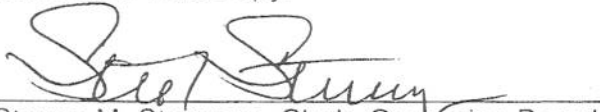
I, Robert R. Challinor, Superintendent of the William S. Hart Union High School District, hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of the Resolution adopted by the said Governing Board on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of February 2013.

Dated: February 6, 2013



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Joseph V. Messina, President, Governing Board  
William S. Hart Union High School District  
Los Angeles County, California

Certified a True Copy:



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Steven M. Sturgeon, Clerk, Governing Board  
William S. Hart Union High School District  
Los Angeles County, California

**SANTA CLARITA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
RESOLUTION NO. 2012/13-11**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD  
APPROVING THE RESCHEDULING OF  
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER ELECTIONS  
FROM ODD TO EVEN YEAR ELECTIONS  
COMMENCING WITH THE 2013 GOVERNING BOARD ELECTION**

**WHEREAS**, the current date for election of Governing Board members ("Board") of the Santa Clarita Community College District ("District") is every two (2) years on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of odd years (e.g., November 2011) (Education Code Section 5000 and Elections Code Section 1302(a)); and

**WHEREAS**, statewide general elections are held in California only in June and November of even years (e.g., November 2010) (Elections Code Section 1001); and

**WHEREAS**, the District is located entirely within Los Angeles County; and

**WHEREAS**, generally, voter participation is greater for statewide general elections than for special local elections including school board member elections; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board seeks to enhance voter participation and specifically to increase the percentage of voters participating in the school Board election; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board believes that rescheduling to "even-year elections" may enhance voter participation and further increase the percentage of voters participating in the school Board election; and

**WHEREAS**, it is considered the view of the Board that starting with the 2013 Board elections, the public interest will be better served by election of its Board members pursuant to "even-year elections" in conjunction with the statewide general elections; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of these facts, the Board desires to change the date of future Board member elections to be consolidated with the California statewide general election in order to increase and enhance voter participation; and

**WHEREAS**, while the Board recognizes that there is a cost savings to the District resulting from aligning the District's elections with the statewide general elections, this factor is not the primary motivation for the Board's decision, however, this incidental benefit furthers the District's policy of fiscal responsibility; and

**WHEREAS**, while the Board recognizes that the terms of its members would be extended as a result of aligning the District's elections with the statewide general elections, this is not the reason for the Board's decision; and

**WHEREAS**, Elections Code Section 1302(b) establishes a procedure whereby the Board may change the election date for its Board members by adopting a resolution seeking approval of the change by the Board of Supervisors of the affected county(ies) (Elections Code Section 10405.7); and

**WHEREAS**, if the change in election date is approved, it is being requested that the new election date be moved from November 2013 to November 2014 with Board members whose terms would have expired in 2013 being extended to 2014 and Board members whose terms would have expired in 2015 being extended to 2016, as required by Elections Code Section 10405.7(g) [refer to Exhibit A].

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the above recitals are true and correct; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Santa Clarita Community College District Board of Trustees adopts this resolution to consolidate the election date for members of the Board with the California state general election in November in even years (Elections Code Section 1001) pursuant to Elections Code Section 1302(b).

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chancellor will forward this resolution to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors explaining the rationale for the resolution and requesting formal approval of the change by the Board of Supervisors at a public meeting within 60 days after submission and after the resolution has been posted in accordance with law.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chancellor will forward this resolution to the Los Angeles County Office of Education Superintendent.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chancellor will notify Los Angeles County Elections Office that the District is prepared to pay the expenses of mailing notice of approval of the change in election date by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors as required by Elections Code 10405.7(e).

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that if the consolidation of election is approved by the Board of Supervisors, the date of that election will be moved to November 2014 and each subsequent Board member election will be held two years thereafter in November of even years.


**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that if the consolidation of election is approved, the term of office of current Board members expiring in November 2013 will be extended to November 2014 and the term of Board members expiring in November 2015 will be extended to November 2016.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the District's Chancellor or her designee is authorized to take such actions and execute such agreements and documentation necessary to implement the intent of this Resolution.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Trustees of the Santa Clarita Community College District, Los Angeles County, California, on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of February 2013, at a duly noticed meeting, by the following vote:

AYES:	<u>5</u>
NOS:	<u>0</u>
ABSTAIN:	<u>0</u>
ABSENT:	<u>0</u>

I, Dianne G. Van Hook, Chancellor of the Santa Clarita Community College District, hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of the Resolution adopted by the said Board of Trustees on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of February 2013.

  
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Dr. Dianne G. Van Hook  
Chancellor

  
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Mr. Michael D. Berger  
President, Board of Trustees

**SANTA CLARITA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
EXHIBIT A**

<b>Board Member</b>	<b>Current Election Year</b>	<b>New Election Year</b>
Michael D. Berger Seat #1	2013	2014
Bruce D. Fortine Seat #4	2015	2016
Michele R. Jenkins Seat #2	2015	2016
Joan W. MacGregor Seat #3	2013	2014
Steven D. Zimmer Seat #5	2013	2014